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for 1971

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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## SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(Constitution at 31st December, 1971)

Chairman of Council                      Councillor Mrs.D.Elwes  
\* Councillor Mrs.M.Glyn Davies (Chairman)  
' Councillor C.W.A.Mundy (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor E.M.Bowen	Councillor R.N.Marchant, M.M.
Councillor D.J.Boyd	Councillor E.H.Newman
Councillor Mrs.M.A.Campbell	Councillor J.Norval
Councillor E.G.A. Comer, J.P.	Councillor Mrs.R.Pyke
* Councillor E.J.C. Crawford	Councillor A.H.Quinton
Councillor Mrs.A.Cropper	Councillor A.J.T. Robilliard
Councillor Mrs.D.I.Dew	Councillor Mrs.B.M.Robinson
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Councillor Cmdr. R.M.Douglas R.N.(Retd.)	Councillor J.Steven
Councillor F.W.Dove	Councillor C.E.Stewart
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Councillor Cmdr. R.H.Kennedy, O.B.E.	Councillor S.C.White,O.B.E.
R.N. (Retd.)	Councillor Mrs.E.J. Wickenden
Councillor G.P. Lydall	Councillor W. Wilkes

\* Members on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

' Standing Deputy on the South West Kent Joint Health Committee

## STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R.G. BRENNEN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

## DEPUTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

DOROTHY N. IRONSIDE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(also Senior Clinical Medical Officer,  
Kent County Council)

CLERICAL STAFF

TONBRIDGE OFFICE:

Chief Clerk: Mrs.E.M. Tibbles  
Shorthand Typist/Clerk: Mrs.J.M. Oughton

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Chief Public Health Inspector

E.J.A. Bettle (a, b and c) Retired 29.1.71  
R.H. Terry (a and b) Appointed 1.2.71

SENIOR ASSISTANT PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

A.D. Lofts ( a and b) Appointed 1.2.71

District Public Health Inspectors

H.B. Cade (a and b)  
S.C. Clark (a and b)

Student Public Health Inspector

J. Goodwin

Cleansing Manager

R.M. Ford - Appointed 3.5.71

Technical Assistant

R. Dunnett

Public Health Inspectors' Clerk

Miss W.A. Bloom

Rodent Operator

C. Akhurst

- (a) Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors'  
Examination Joint Board
- (b) Meat and Other Foods Inspection Certificate of the Royal Society of Health
- (c) Diploma, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene

Mr.R.C. Spalding, M.A., F.R.I.C., acts as County Analyst for the District



SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT

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To the Chairman and Members of the Sevenoaks Rural District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the District for 1971.

The estimated mid-year population of the District, given by the Registrar-General, was 45,560, a decrease of 180 over the 1970 figure.

The total number of registered live births was 593 (319 males and 274 females), this figure being a little lower than last year's total of 598. The crude birth rate was 13.0 per 1,000 population, the corrected birth rate being 13.9, compared with 16.0 for England and Wales.

The number of deaths from all causes totalled 482 (221 males and 261 females), this figure being higher than last year's total of 446. The crude death rate per 1,000 population was 10.6, the corrected death rate for the District being 10.5, compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

Deaths of infants under one year numbered 10, giving an Infant Mortality Rate of 17.0. The rate for England and Wales was 18.0. The Neo-Natal Death Rate (the number of deaths of infants under four weeks) was 15.0.

There were 34 deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus (25 males and 9 females), compared with 26 the previous year.

The number of notifiable infectious diseases recorded in the District was 205, compared with 135 in 1970.

On page 16 of this Report, figures are given showing the number of persons immunised and vaccinated during the year under review.

It will be appreciated that this report is an attempt to record the quality of life in our own small community, this in turn reflecting the work of our medical and social services against an environmental background in the planning and improving of which so much time is voluntarily spent by our Civic representatives. This is supplemented by a vast volume of voluntary effort by individuals both inside and outside these services, and to these I should like to record my indebtedness for their help on so many occasions during the year.

However, consideration of the facts of life and death in this report will, I hope, remind us that our personal habits and choice in our mode of life would be as important in improving the health of our community and reduction of the pollution of our environment, as would thought and kindness in caring for our neighbours.

Once again my sincere thanks are due to Mr. Terry and the staff of the Department, and to all those too numerous to mention, who have so patiently assisted in the compilation of these statistics.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.G. BRENNEN

Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area: 64,661 acres

Population:

R.G.'s Estimate mid 1971	45,560
R.G.'s Estimate mid 1970	45,740
R.G.'s Estimate mid 1971 for England and Wales	48,815,000

Density of Population:

i.e. Number of persons per acre 0.7

Number of inhabited houses: 14,930

Rateable value: £1,857,575

Sum produced by a penny (1p) rate: £18,200



SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA  
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1971

			Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
LIVE  BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	102	298	90	49	222	280	335	1,376
		Female	100	266	89	54	224	257	305	1,295
	Total		202	564	179	103	446	537	640	2,671
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	11	21	7	1	14	15	27	96
		Female	7	8	5	5	12	10	30	77
	Total		18	29	12	6	26	25	57	173
TOTAL LIVE BIRTHS			220	593	191	109	472	562	697	2,844
CRUDE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 of mid year population 1971			12.6	13.0	10.4	11.3	15.0	18.1	15.6	14.3
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar-General			1.26	1.07	1.13	1.14	1.03	0.98	1.10	-
ADJUSTED BIRTH RATE			15.9	13.9	11.8	12.9	15.5	17.7	17.2	-
STILL  BIRTHS	LEGITIMATE:	Male	2	2	1	-	2	2	4	13
		Female	1	6	-	1	1	3	4	16
	Total		3	8	1	1	3	5	8	29
	ILLEGITIMATE:	Male	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
		Female	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
	Total		-	1	1	-	1	-	1	4
TOTAL STILL BIRTHS			3	9	2	1	4	5	9	33
STILL BIRTH RATE per 1,000 (live and still) births			13	15	10	9	8	9	13	11.5
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS			223	602	193	110	476	567	706	2,877

		Cranbrook R.D.	Sevenoaks R.D.	Sevenoaks U.D.	Southborough U.D.	Tonbridge R.D.	Tonbridge U.D.	Tunbridge Wells Borough	Joint Health Area
INFANT DEATHS (under one year)	Male	-	6	-	-	2	2	6	16
	Female	3	4	1	1	4	3	6	22
	TOTAL	3	10	1	1	6	5	12	38
INFANT MORTALITY RATES:									
All infants per 1,000 live births		14	17	5	9	13	9	17	13.4
NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		9	15	5	9	8	7	10	9.8
EARLY NEO-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live births		9	13	-	9	8	7	9	9.0
PERI-NATAL mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births		22	28	10	18	17	16	21	20.2
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DEATHS	Male	73	221	84	42	134	148	259	961
	Female	109	261	104	52	166	146	418	1,256
	TOTAL	182	482	188	94	300	294	677	2,217
CRUDE DEATH RATE per 1,000 of mid year population 1971		10.4	10.6	10.3	9.7	9.5	9.5	15.2	11.2
Comparability factor supplied by Registrar General		0.88	0.99	0.83	0.79	0.85	0.97	0.54	-
ADJUSTED DEATH RATE		9.2	10.5	8.5	7.7	8.1	9.2	8.2	-



SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	1	3
Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	2	-	2
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	3	2	5
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	7	10	17
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	17	20	37
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	24	38	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	106	27	133
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	62	62
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	18	18
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	13	-	13
Leukaemia	4	7	11
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	61	71	132
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	2	5	7
Diabetes Mellitus	5	13	18
Avitaminoses, etc.,	-	1	1
Other Endocrine, etc., Diseases	-	3	3
Anaemias	3	4	7
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.,	-	2	2
Multiple Sclerosis	3	2	5
Other Diseases of Nervous System, Etc.,	9	11	20
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	8	16	24
Hypertensive Disease	20	17	37
Ischaemic Heart Disease	226	224	450
Other Forms of Heart Disease	53	121	174
Cerebrovascular Disease	107	241	348

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(1)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	2	1	-	4	1	-	3	-	-	1	1	4
2	-	5	6	1	1	1	-	2	6	2	2	4	5
-	2	8	9	2	4	1	2	3	5	2	2	8	14
7	4	25	9	8	3	9	-	11	1	22	1	24	9
-	6	-	14	-	6	-	3	-	10	-	11	-	12
-	1	-	4	-	1	-	3	-	6	-	1	-	2
2	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	1	-
-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	3	1	1
4	4	16	20	6	4	3	1	4	19	10	6	18	17
-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
2	2	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	2	5
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
-	1	-	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	2	-
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
1	4	3	3	1	1	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	2
1	4	3	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	2	3	6
-	-	6	5	1	1	1	3	4	2	6	3	2	3
17	22	49	44	20	17	10	8	37	26	41	38	52	69
3	13	13	9	2	9	4	7	7	16	10	14	14	53
5	20	23	42	6	16	4	10	15	26	13	24	41	103



SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Joint Health Area		Total
	M	F	
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	39	69	108
Influenza	1	-	1
Pneumonia	71	116	187
Bronchitis and Emphysema	62	15	77
Asthma	2	5	7
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	8	14	22
Peptic Ulcer	4	6	10
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	7	4	11
Cirrhosis of Liver	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	11	22	33
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	3	7
Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	-	2
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	9	12	21
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	2	3
Other complications of Pregnancy, etc.,	-	2	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	7	9
Congenital Anomalies	4	7	11
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	6	9	15
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	3	1	4
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	9	8	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	19	8	27
All Other Accidents	9	14	23
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	10	12	22
All Other External Causes	1	2	3
TOTALS	961	1,256	2,217

SOUTH WEST KENT JOINT HEALTH AREA

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)  
(Supplied by Registrar-General)

(2)

Cranbrook R.D.		Sevenoaks R.D.		Sevenoaks U.D.		Southborough U.D.		Tonbridge R.D.		Tonbridge U.D.		Tonbridge Wells Borough	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
3	5	8	21	7	8	2	1	7	5	4	4	8	25
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
6	8	16	28	9	11	1	5	8	19	10	11	21	34
8	2	12	4	9	2	-	1	7	1	7	1	19	4
-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	3
-	-	2	5	-	-	-	-	2	1	1	1	3	7
-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
-	2	-	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	2	1
-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
2	1	1	8	1	2	-	1	1	2	1	3	5	5
-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
2	-	-	3	-	2	-	1	1	2	2	2	4	2
-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
-	-	2	3	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-
-	1	3	1	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	1	3
-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	2	5
3	1	3	1	4	-	-	1	4	3	2	1	3	1
1	-	2	1	-	2	1	-	-	3	2	2	3	6
-	2	2	2	1	1	-	1	2	2	2	1	3	3
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
73	109	221	261	84	104	42	52	134	166	148	146	259	418



CAUSES OF DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 24 hours	1 day to 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	1-3 mths.	3-6 mths.	6-9 mths.	9-12 mths.	TOTAL
Congenital Anomalies	2	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Other Diseases of the Blood, etc.,	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	2	2	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	4
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
TOTALS	5	3	1	-	-	9	-	-	-	1	10

DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

YEAR	20 - 34 years		35 - 44 years		45 - 64 years		65 - 74 years		75 years and over		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1962	-	-	-	-	13	1	3	-	-	-	16	1
1963	-	-	-	1	11	1	6	3	3	-	20	5
1964	-	-	-	-	5	2	3	-	1	2	9	4
1965	-	-	-	-	11	-	5	1	4	-	20	1
1966	-	-	-	-	13	-	4	-	4	1	21	1
1967	-	-	-	-	9	3	4	2	2	1	15	6
1968	-	-	-	1	7	2	4	3	2	1	13	7
1969	-	-	-	-	5	4	5	-	5	1	15	5
1970	-	-	1	-	10	3	7	1	2	2	20	6
1971	-	-	1	-	11	3	8	4	5	2	25	9
TOTALS	-	-	2	2	95	19	49	14	28	10	174	45



AGES OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	Total Cases (all ages)	Under 1 year	1 yr.	2 yrs	3 yrs	4 yrs	5-9 yrs	10-14 yrs	15-24 yrs	25-44 yrs	45-64 yrs	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	17	-	-	-	5	6	4	2	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	2	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	117	4	13	13	10	18	45	10	2	2	-	-
Dysentery	48	1	1	3	4	3	20	6	6	3	-	1
Infective Jaundice	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	-	-
Malaria	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1
Tuberculosis	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-
Pulmonary Meninges & C.N.S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	205	7	16	16	21	28	72	19	12	12	-	2

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

DISEASE	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APL.	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTALS
Scarlet Fever	1	-	3	-	2	4	1	1	-	4	1	-	17
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	7
Measles	18	1	18	3	2	28	25	10	5	4	2	1	117
Dysentery	-	-	43	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	48
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
Malaria	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5
Tuberculosis													
Pulmonary	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	4
Meninges & C.N.S	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Forms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	20	2	65	7	8	34	32	12	9	9	6	1	205

# TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

## TUBERCULOSIS - SUMMARY OF CASES

	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	
Cases on register at beginning of year	99	19	89	21	228
Cases added	6	-	4	-	10
Cases removed	2	-	5	-	7
Cases remaining at end of year	103	19	88	21	231

## NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS

Year	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total Deaths
	No. of cases notified	Deaths	No. of cases notified	Deaths	
* 1961	14	3	1	-	3
1962	6	-	2	-	-
* 1963	10	1	-	-	1
1964	7	1	2	-	1
1965	6	2	3	-	2
* 1966	2	1	2	1	2
1967	2	1	1	-	1
* 1968	4	1	1	-	1
1969	3	-	-	-	-
1970	1	-	1	-	-
1971	4	-	-	-	-

\* Denotes year Mass Radiography Unit visited the District



# IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following table shows the figures for 1971 based on the return sent to the Department of Health and Social Security

YEAR OF BIRTH	P R I M A R Y							R E I N F O R C I N G					
	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye- litis	Rubella	Triple Antigen	Diph- theria Tetanus	Small- pox	Tetanus	Measles	Polio mye- litis
1971	12	-	3	-	1	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1970	366	12	56	-	167	396	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
1969	150	10	147	1	171	164	-	8	7	-	-	-	-
1968	17	4	19	-	56	29	-	6	20	-	1	-	-
1967	4	1	7	-	42	-	-	7	43	3	1	-	48
1966	-	1	2	-	43	-	-	26	320	5	4	-	390
1964/65	-	-	4	-	18	-	-	12	115	13	4	-	126
1955/63	4	2	6	26	11	-	388	43	71	46	53	-	98
TOTAL:	553	30	244	27	509	603	388	102	577	67	63	-	662

Smallpox vaccinations at County Clinics were discontinued as from 30.7.71

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES

(Sections 187 to 194 of the Public Health Act, 1936  
as amended by the Nursing Homes Act, 1963)

	Number of Homes	Number of beds provided for:		
		Maternity	Others	Total
Homes registered during year	-	-	-	-
Homes whose registrations were withdrawn during year	-	-	-	-
Homes on register at end of year	1	-	13	13

Visits of inspection, and special visits as required, are made to the above Nursing Home during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - SECTION 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

(Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention)

No action was necessary under these Enactments during the year.

Laboratory Service

The Public Health Laboratory Service, under the Directorship of Dr.A.L. Furniss, provided excellent facilities during the year for the examination of specimens, and full co-operation with the staff was maintained. Valuable facilities are also available in the Pathological Departments of the following hospitals: Kent and Sussex, Pembury, Sevenoaks and Orpington.

Staff Medical Examinations

During the year eleven medical examinations were carried out for the District for superannuation purposes, and two for Heavy Goods Vehicle Licences.

International Vaccination Certificates

These are authenticated on request, in accordance with International agreements. In co-operation with the immigration authorities, persons arriving in this country from infected or suspected areas without valid certificates are kept under surveillance by the Health Department.



## LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES OF THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

### HEALTH SERVICES

#### Ambulance Facilities

Enquiries relating to ambulance service matters and requests for ambulance transport are dealt with by the Kent County Council Ambulance Service from their station at Moor Road, Sevenoaks (Tel. Sevenoaks 51088)

#### Domiciliary Midwifery

The County Council arranges for the free attendance of midwives upon patients who are to be confined at home. The name and address of the appropriate midwife for any particular district is usually known to the patient's doctor, but can be obtained from the Area Office of the County Council.

#### Home Nursing Service

The County Council provides a service free of charge for the attendance on persons whose doctors require them to be nursed in their own homes. The nurse's attendance is normally arranged by the doctor, but the name and address of the appropriate nurse for any particular district is obtainable from the Area Office of the County Council.

### SOCIAL SERVICES

#### Area Office

Area Director:- Mr. G. H. Foster,  
152, London Road,  
Sevenoaks.  
Tel. Sevenoaks 52833

#### Home Help Service

Home help service may be provided in households where it is needed owing to the presence of a person who is ill, lying-in, an expectant mother, aged, handicapped as a result of having suffered from illness or congenital deformity, or a child not over compulsory school age, but only where there is no able-bodied person in the household capable of carrying out the necessary household duties.

### Night and Evening Service

Evening service is provided for elderly people who are bedridden or house-bound and have no one to assist them to prepare for the night and includes the provision of a light meal or hot drink and attention to fires. Night service is provided, for no longer than three weeks unless there are exceptional circumstances, for the care of seriously ill people who are living in their own homes and who need attention during the night. In some cases the service is provided for one to three nights a week to give relief to relatives.

### Family Care Service

This service is provided for the short-term care of children in their own homes during the absence of the mother by reason of admission to hospital for illness or confinement or in other special circumstances. Help is given only to families where care of at least two children is involved and the period of service is limited to three months.

### Family Welfare Service

This service is provided, with the parent's consent, in households where the habits, behaviour and standards of living of the family are much below those generally accepted in the society in which they live. The three main objectives of the service are to raise the standard of living of the families, to improve the welfare of the children, and to keep the families together and prevent their break-up. Intensive training for a period of three months is given and this is succeeded by a follow-on service of nine months. In families where there is medical evidence of mental subnormality the continuance of the service after the initial period of three months may be approved for not more than twelve hours a week until the youngest child reaches compulsory school age.

### Health Visitors

Mrs.D.C. Adams  
Mrs.J. Carson  
Miss E. Norton  
Miss E. Platford

Miss M.Wilson  
Mrs.E. Whitson  
Mrs.J. Woodhams  
Mrs.A.E. Cross

### Special School

Hardwick School Annexe,  
Westerham Road,  
Brasted.  
Tel. Westerham 3545



# CHILD WELFARE CENTRES & CLINICS

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Day and Time</u>
Dunton Green, Donnington Hall	Child Welfare	1st, 3rd and 5th Tues.P.M.
Edenbridge Stangrove Park, Station Road, (Tel. Edenbridge 2297)	Child Welfare Chiropody Dental Ophthalmic	Tues. P.M. Wed. A.M. & P.M. Tues. by appointment Alternate Mon. P.M.
Halstead, Village Hall	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Thurs. P.M.
Kemsing St.Edith's Hall,High St.,	Child Welfare	Wed. P.M.
Leigh, Village Hall, High Street	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M.
Otford Memorial Hall	Child Welfare Ante Natal & ) Relaxation Class ) Midwives' Clinic )	Fri. A.M. 1st & 3rd. Tues. P.M.
Penshurst, Village Hall	Child Welfare	3rd Wed. P.M.
Seal, Village Hall	Child Welfare	2nd and 4th Tues. P.M.
Shoreham, Church Room, High Street	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Wed. P.M.
Sundridge Village Hall, Main Road	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Tues. P.M.
Weald Memorial Hall	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Thurs. P.M.
Westerham, Women's Institute Hall	Child Welfare	1st & 3rd Thurs. P.M.
Knockholt Village Hall	Child Welfare	2nd & 4th Tues. P.M.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Hospitals

The Hospital Management Committees of the South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board covering the hospitals in the Joint Health Area are set out below:-

Tunbridge Wells Hospital Management Committee:  
Sherwood Park, Pembury Road, Tunbridge Wells  
Tel: Tunbridge Wells 23444

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Pembury Hospital  
Kent and Sussex Hospital  
Homoeopathic Hospital  
Tonbridge Cottage Hospital  
Tunbridge Wells Maternity Hospital  
Hawkenbury Hospital  
Edenbridge and District Memorial Hospital  
David Salomons House, Southborough  
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital

Cray Valley and Sevenoaks Hospital Management Committee:  
Orpington Hospital, Orpington  
Tel: Orpington 27050

Hospitals covered in the Joint Health Area -

Sevenoaks Hospital  
Emily Jackson Wing of Sevenoaks Hospital  
Sundridge Hospital

Chest Clinics

<u>Address</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Times</u>
Baltic Road, Tonbridge	Monday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Pembury Hospital, Pembury	Wednesday	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Friday	All day
Sevenoaks Chest Clinic, Outpatients Department, Sevenoaks Hospital	Wednesday	Morning

Clinic for Treatment of Venereal Diseases

Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tunbridge Wells	Tuesdays (females)	9.30 a.m.
	Tuesdays (males)	10.30 a.m.



SEVENOAKS RURAL DISTRICT  
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

1. Water Supply

The district is supplied by six authorities as follows:- Metropolitan, East Surrey, Mid Kent, Mid Sussex, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Companies and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, all main waters being of a hard nature.

Complaints of shortage of supply have been received from an area in the south west corner of the district and this was being investigated at the end of the year.

The fluoride content is approximately 0.1 ppm.

All main supplies are sampled regularly and in addition samples are submitted from private supplies in the area.

Examination reports on water samples taken during the year were as follows:-

	Bacteriological Examination			Chemical Examination		
	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Not Satis- factory
Statutory supply undertakings	41	40	1	-	-	-
Private sources piped to dwellings	113	66	47	4	2	2
Other private sources	-	-	-	1	-	1

A very large proportion of the district is fed by main water and, at the year's end, progress was at last being made to supply Dunsdale, French Street and Horns Hill areas, Westerham, with main water. Schemes are also under consideration for Moat Lane, Cowden and Coopers Lane, Fordcombe. Should all these areas be connected to main, the number of houses on private supplies would be reduced by 47.

Private supplies to houses in the district are as follows:-

Borehole supply	91	(1 of these is supplied via a standpipe)
Well supply	12	
Spring supply	106	
Rain water supply	22	



Sixteen houses, (8 of which are unoccupied) are supplied by standpipes off the main and a formal notice was served in respect of 5 of these during the year, requiring water to be piped inside the dwelling. One of the houses is subject to closing order procedure, but remains occupied.

Nineteen houses previously supplied by rain water, springs and well were connected to the main supply, and a chlorination plant was installed in an estate spring supply serving nineteen properties and which was found to be polluted.

The following mains extensions were carried out during the year:-

The Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Water Company

During the year 561 yards of mains extensions were carried out within the Company's Statutory Area. In addition, 3,310 yards of trunk and pumping mains were laid by the Company.

The Mid Kent Water Company

A total of 982 yards of 4 inch mains were laid during the year in Shoreham. The Company now supply water to 1,333 properties in Kemsing and 46 properties in part of Shoreham.

The East Surrey Water Company

No major extensions have been carried out during the year.

The Bough Beech source which has been mentioned previously went into supply permanently in April 1971 and now supplies part of the area.

The Metropolitan Water Board

No new sources of supply were instituted and there were no changes to the general scheme of supply in the area.

All new and repaired mains are disinfected with chlorine: after a pre-determined period of contact the pipes are flushed out and refilled; samples of water are then collected from these treated mains; and the mains are returned to service only after the analytical results are found to be satisfactory.

The quality control from the Board's laboratories is carried out by means of daily sampling from sources of supply, from the treatment works or well stations, from the distribution system, and through to the consumer. Any sign of contamination or any other abnormality is immediately investigated.

## 2. Drainage and Sewerage

As a result of the Badgers Mount/Shoreham Lane, Halstead sewer extension scheme, 17 premises were connected to the sewer and the cesspools previously in use abolished. Two houses in Knockholt were connected to the existing sewer and the cesspools were demolished. One replacement septic tank and two cesspools were constructed under the supervision of the department.

Seven bucket closets were replaced by water closets.

Mr. R. J. Hills, the Engineer & Surveyor, has kindly supplied the under-mentioned information:-

### Sewage Treatment Works

The tertiary treatment lagoon system at Edenbridge Sewage Works, referred to in the report for 1970, was fully commissioned during the summer. The analyses of the final effluents show a great improvement particularly with regard to biochemical oxygen demand and suspended solids. The single experimental lagoon is retained for use in emergencies only.

### Sewerage

During the year, 710 lin. yds. of defective foul sewers were reconstructed, 2,589 lin. yds. new foul sewers provided, and 22 properties connected to main sewerage for the first time.

### General requirements and adequacy of existing facilities

Whilst the major population centres are adequately served by the main foul sewerage systems, proposals to serve outlying areas by sewer extensions, based upon a three year rolling programme, have been formulated. Schemes proposed for 1972/73 are as follows:-

1. Ide Hill, Sundridge
2. Burlings Lane, Knockholt
3. Pilgrims Way and Beechy Lees, Otford
4. Chart Lane, Brasted

In addition to the above it is proposed to lay a relief foul sewer in Edenbridge to provide additional capacity particularly in storm time.

## 3. Refuse Collection and Disposal

### Cleansing Services

The benefits of Work Study became noticeable during the year but, due to days lost from sickness, absenteeism and holidays, it was not possible over some periods to maintain the refuse collection service and reduce the cesspool backlog of work. The bulky collection service had to be withdrawn throughout the summer holiday months due to staff shortage.



Edenbridge tip, which is nearing the end of its life, had to be closed in November due to a fire at Ide Hill tip which destroyed the sheds, tractor and tools. This severely restricted the paper and cardboard salvage operations.

No new refuse vehicles were purchased during the year but one new 1500 gallon cesspool emptying machine, replacing one of 800 gallons, has assisted in increasing output.

Two Cintafuse incinerators were installed at the G.L.C. Spitals Cross Estate blocks of flats late in the year, to deal with the refuse which descends the chutes. Prior to this installation, considerable difficulty was experienced with storage and removal of the large bulk of refuse involved. No problems have been met with the installation which now produces three bins of ashes instead of the equivalent of 50 or more dustbins. No smoke nuisance has been reported from the incinerators.

#### 4. Swimming Pools

Number of public swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of school swimming pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Number of visits made during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Number of samples taken:							
	Satisfactory	...	...	...	...	...	43
	Unsatisfactory	.	...	...	...	...	7

All school pools except one are chlorinated by automatic treatment plants. The odd one is treated by hand. The poor samples were obtained where increased doses had not been introduced during warm periods when the pools were subjected to heavier loads. In addition to taking samples, the Inspectors give advice on foot hygiene etc., and check the condition of the pool at shallow and deep ends with a comparator advising on adjusting the chlorine dosage according to load. The schools also possess these testing appliances and are advised on their frequent use.

#### 5. Inspection of the District

Number of complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	1,269
Total number of visits of all kinds paid by					
Inspectors during the year	...	...	...	...	8,590
Informal Notices:					
Served during year	...	...	...	...	142
Complied with during year..	...	...	...	...	130
Statutory Notices:					
Served during year	...	...	...	...	8
Complied with during year					
(a) by owners	...	...	...	...	1
(b) by Local Authority in default	...	...	...	...	-
Legal proceedings taken during the year	...	...	...	...	1

Summary of Inspections and Visits by Public Health Inspectors during the year:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	821
Nuisances, etc., (not included under Housing)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	566
Visits to Food Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,559
Visits re Food Complaints	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Swimming Pools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Factories Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	676
Shops Acts, 1950/65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Petroleum Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	498
Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1949	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Hop Fields and Camps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	185
Atmospheric Pollution Prevention	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	200
Noise Abatement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
Infectious Disease Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	467
Meat Inspections at Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,969

350 faeces specimens were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination in connection with an outbreak of Sonne Dysentery.

A sizeable cold store exists in the district which deals not only with wholesale sale of meat but also includes an inland port to which container traffic is directed under the Imported Food Regulations from 13 British ports. A total of 242 container notifications were received, and consignments arrive at all hours at Dunton Green. The food involved includes beef quarters and many forms of frozen vegetables, together with lamb, chilled and frozen beef cuts, and tinned fruit.

Shrimps from Japan are held at the cold store pending the result of sampling at London Docks.

Four food factories at Dunton Green and one at Otford produce frozen meat portions and cuts, vegetable packs, mixed pizza and beef extract for export.

A large number of inspections are necessary at the establishments involved to ensure hygienic standards are maintained, and to inspect a small proportion of the container traffic.



A large number of visits were carried out to a farm in connection with the operation of a dried poultry manure plant which was installed in 1970. Considerable nuisance was caused by smell and smuts, and after failure of informal action the Council authorised the service of formal notices. At the time the farmer was developing a low pressure machine where recycling was operated by augers, and the farmer gave an undertaking to utilise the first machine only when wind and weather permitted. This he did and formal action was unnecessary. At the end of the year the new plant was still not operating fully and it is not known whether the low pressure machine will eliminate nuisance. The dried poultry manure is fed to chicken in the battery units as well as to calves and beasts.

A leak developed in a fuel oil pipe line serving a private housing estate, and the oil found its way into the drainage system causing temporary damage to the local village sewage plant. Fortunately the filters recovered quickly and very little oil found its way into the stream flowing alongside the estate.

Considerable nuisance occurred in part of the southern area due to effluent from a tannery, when excess acid from the neutralising plant reacted with sulphides in the sludge giving off foul gases through the unintercepted drainage systems of houses in the locality. A prohibition notice was served and it is anticipated that suitable plant will be installed at the tannery to prevent this nuisance in 1972.

Many visits were made to industrial tips in the area seeking to enforce the requirements of the Planning Authority as well as to control the nuisance caused by a subterranean fire at one tip. Little clay was available to seal off the fire and pressure was brought to bear on the operators to improve the position. Only dry waste is tipped, none of which is toxic, though small amounts of asbestos waste are deposited and supervision has been necessary to ensure compliance with the Code of Practice issued by the Asbestos Research Council.

Proceedings were necessary in connection with one grocers shop where 100 lbs. of unsound food were seized in addition to large quantities which were surrendered voluntarily. A fine of £25 was imposed, together with costs of £3. The proprietor sold the business and the new occupiers, after repairing the premises, practice a very high standard of food hygiene.

No other proceedings were taken in connection with food complaints but warning letters were sent in respect of the following:-

Foreign objects in milk	3
Sausages - mouldy	1
Bread - mouldy	1
Bacon - strong smell	1
Meat pies - mouldy	2

Three day rallies were held in the year, two at Penshurst Place (attendance 9-10,000) and one at Hever (6,000). No nuisance was caused, the organisers being in each case responsible for refuse and sewage disposal.

Gypsy Encampment, Hever Road, Edenbridge

Difficulties continued at this site during the year but every effort is made by regular visits to improve the standards.

Planning permission has been granted by the Kent County Council for the continued use of the site as an encampment until the 31st December, 1978.

6. Hop Pickers' Camps

Number of camps in the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Number of huts occupied in the District	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total estimated number of persons engaged in hop-picking (excluding home pickers)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Number of inspections of hop fields and camps during 1971	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3

The increased use of mechanical means for the picking of hops has reduced the number of camps over the years with a corresponding reduction in the number of imported pickers, and most of the work is done by local labour.

One farm re-used two huts during the season for a very short period. No cases of infectious disease occurred, and conditions were satisfactory.

7. Disinfestation

Infestations were dealt with as follows:-

Fleas	7:	Flies	21:	Ants	4:	Beetles	6:		
Wasps	263:	Bees	35:	Bats	1:	Silver Fish	1:		
Cockroaches	2:	Slugs	1:	Bugs	1:	Insects	3:	Crickets	2:

8. Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1949

PROPERTIES OTHER THAN SEWERS

		TYPE OF PROPERTY	
		NON- AGRICULTURAL	AGRICULTURAL
1.	Number of properties in the District	17,181	545
2.	(a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	665	30
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	422	28
	(ii) Mice	246	20
3.	(a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notifications	86	16
	(b) Number infested by (i) Rats	26	1
	(ii) Mice	1	1



## Sewers

Sewer treatment was carried out during the year and infestations dealt with.

Thirty-four rodent control contracts were in operation at the end of 1971.

### 9. Rag, Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of registered premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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### 10. Diseases of Animals (Waste Food) Order, 1957

Number of licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
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Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
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### 11. Agriculture (Safety & Welfare Provisions) Act, 1956

Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
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### 12. Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
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### 13. Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises licensed	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
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Number of visits made	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
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### 14. Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Number of dealers registered	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
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### 15. Clean Air Act, 1956/1968

No formal action was necessary during the year though warnings were given in several instances of smoke caused by burning bonfires associated with industrial or trade premises.



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## Part I of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority	25	1	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	241	27	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	266	28	2	-

2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	1	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	-	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	-	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	1	-	3	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT  
OUTWORK  
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of work	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
<u>Wearing Apparel</u>						
Making etc.,	2	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

(A) Registration and General Inspection

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during the year	Number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	10	108	98
Retail Shops	11	193	185
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	1	18	18
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	34	27
Fuel Storage Depots	-	1	1
TOTALS	22	354	329

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act   ...   ...   ...   ...   ...   676



(B) Analysis of Contraventions

Section	Contraventions	No. found	Section	Contraventions	No. found
4	Cleanliness	22	13	Sitting facilities	-
5	Overcrowding	-	14	Seat(Sedentary Workers)	-
6	Temperature	-	15	Eating facilities	-
7	Ventilation	-	16	Floors, passages & stairs	12
8	Lighting	1	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery	1
9	Sanitary Conveniences	14	18	Protection of young persons from dangerous machinery	-
10	Washing facilities	14	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery	-
11	Supply of Drinking Water	-	23	Prohibition of heavy work	-
12	Clothing accommodation	8	24	First Aid General Provisions	16
				Total	88

(C) Exemptions

Number of applications received	...	...	...	Nil
Number of applications granted	...	...	...	Nil

(D) Prosecutions

Number instituted and completed during the year	...	...	...	Nil
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(E) Reported Accidents

Workplace	Number Reported	Total Number Investigated	Action Recommended			No Action
			Prosecution	Formal Warning	Informal Advice	
Offices	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retail Shops	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	3	2	-	-	-	3
Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	3	2	-	-	-	3

Analysis of Reported Accidents

	Offices	Retail Shops	Wholesale Warehouses	Catering Establishments open to public, Canteens	Fuel Storage Depots
Machinery	-	-	-	-	-
Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Falls of persons	-	-	1	-	-
Stepping on or striking against object or person	-	-	1	-	-
Handling goods	-	-	1	-	-
Struck by falling object	-	-	-	-	-
Fires and Explosions	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	-	-	-	-	-
Use of hand tools	-	-	-	-	-
Not otherwise specified	-	-	-	-	-

## HOUSING

### (A) Repair - Housing and Public Health Acts

Number of Houses rendered fit after service of notices:-

	Sections 9, 10 and 16 Housing Act, 1957		Public Health and similar Local Acts		TOTALS	
	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal
(a) By Owner	-	-	94	-	94	-
(b) By Local Authority	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	94	-	94	-

### (B) Beyond Repair - Housing Act, 1957

Number of (i)	Undertakings accepted (Section 16)	...	...	...	-
(ii)	Closing Orders made (Section 17)	...	...	...	2
(iii)	Demolition Orders made (Section 17)	...	...	...	-
(iv)	Closing Orders made (Section 18)	...	...	...	-
(v)	Closing Orders determined (Section 27)	...	...	...	3
(vi)	Closing Orders revoked and Demolition Orders substituted (Section 28)	...	...	...	-
(vii)	Houses demolished following Demolition & Closing Orders...	...	...	...	3
(viii)	Houses repaired under Section 24 after Demolition Orders	...	...	...	-

### (C) Clearance Areas

(1)	Represented during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(2)	Action taken during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(3)	Purchase of houses by agreement	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

(D) Improvement Grants

(1) Discretionary

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	62	64
(ii) Number of applications approved	54	48
(iii) Number of applications refused	3	1
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	52	21
	£.	
(v) Amount paid in grants		46,857 - 00
(vi) Average grant per house		642 - 00

(2) Standard

	<u>Owner/Occupiers</u>	<u>Tenanted</u>
(i) Number of applications received	17	11
(ii) Number of applications approved	13	11
(iii) Number of applications refused	-	1
(iv) Number of dwellings improved	12	6
	£.	
(v) Amount paid in grants		1,714 - 00
(vi) Average grant per house		95 - 00
(vii) Amenities provided		
(a) fixed bath or shower		7
(b) wash hand basin		12
(c) hot water supply (to any fittings)		14
(d) water closet (1) within dwelling		7
(2) accessible from dwelling		-
(e) sink		1

(3) Special Grants (Multiple Occupied Premises)

Number of applications received Nil



(E) Housing Act, 1969

(1) General Improvement Areas

Number of areas (a) Surveyed	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
(b) Declared	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

(2) Qualification Certificates

(a) Cases where Improvements Required

(i) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44 (2)	...	...	...	11
(ii) Number of Certificates of Provisional Approval issued	...	...	...	10
(iii) Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 46 (3)	...	...	...	3

(b) Standard Amenities already Provided

(i) Number of applications for Qualification Certificates - Section 44 (1)	...	...	...	53
(ii) Number of Qualification Certificates issued - Section 45 (2)	...	...	...	24

A considerable increase in the work of the Inspectors has occurred due to the detailed and time consuming inspections necessary in connection with Qualification and Provisional Certificates.

(F) Improvement Areas - Housing Act, 1964      Number of dwellings improved      Nil  
Section

19      Dwellings outside improvement area

(i) Number of representations made by tenants	...	...	4
(ii) Number of preliminary notices served	...	...	-
(iii) Number of undertakings accepted	...	...	1
(iv) Number of immediate improvement notices served	...	...	-
(v) Number of such dwellings improved			
(a) full standard	...	...	-
(b) reduced standard	...	...	-

(G) Houses in Multiple Occupation - No houses falling into this category were inspected during the year.

(H) Common Lodging Houses

Number Registered in District	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
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(I) Caravans (as at 31st December, 1971)

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Recreational</u>
Number of site licences issued ... ..	39	2
Total number of caravans permitted on licensed sites	268	10
Number of caravans on unlicensed sites ... ..	Not known	

Many visits continue to be made to unauthorised sites around the district. On Common land, some success was obtained temporarily by ditching to keep the gypsies away, but elsewhere considerable fouling has taken place and, when the occupants had moved on, large accumulations of material had to be removed by the Cleansing Staff.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1. Milk Supplies

Number of registered distributors...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Number of registered dairies - Wholesale	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Retail	...	...	...	...	...	...	-

Milk Sampling

	Number of Samples Taken	Number of Unsatisfactory Samples
Untreated	24	4
Pasteurised	3	-
Sterilised	-	-

Four samples failed the statutory test, but the milk proved satisfactory on repeat samples. Twenty-seven samples were submitted for MRT tests for Brucella, and all proved negative.

2. Ice Cream

Number of premises registered (a) for the manufacture and sale of ice cream	...	...	1
(b) for the sale of ice cream	...	...	135

Number of samples taken:

Grade 1	42
Grade 2	4
Grade 3	-
Grade 4	1

3. Premises registered for the Manufacture of Preserved Foods

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>
Sausages	28
Hams	10
Brawn	1
Processed Meat Products	5
Meat Pies and Sausage Rolls	8
Spit cooking of poultry	3



#### 4. Slaughterhouses

Number in District ... .. 1

#### CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	164	4	90	1,365	220	-
Number inspected	164	4	90	1,365	220	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>	-	-	3	6	4	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	39	1	-	265	25	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	23.78	25.00	3.33	19.80	13.18	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.90	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of slaughtermen's licences renewed during the year ... .. 9

Number of new licences issued during the year ... .. -



5. Food Premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

CATEGORY OF TRADE	Number in District	Number fitted to comply with Reg.16 (wash basins)	Number to which Reg.19 applies (provision of sinks etc.,)	Number fitted to comply with Reg.19
Public Houses	90	90	90	90
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens	105	105	105	105
Bakehouses	7	7	7	7
Section 16 (excluding Ice Cream)	43	43	43	43
Food Factories	4	4	4	4
Fishmongers	3	3	3	3
Fried Fish	3	3	3	3
Greengrocers	23	23	23	23
Grocers	73	73	73	73
Butchers	28	28	28	28
Bakers Shops	12	12	12	12
Chemists	8	8	8	8
General Stores & Sweets	49	49	49	49
Ice Cream	136	136	136	136
Food Stalls & Vehicles	14	14	14	14

A detailed re-survey of the food shops etc., in the district commenced during the year and it is hoped this will be completed in 1972, resulting in general improvements in the standard of the premises as well as improving hygienic practices and control of coded foods in the shops.

A survey of public houses is made each year and a report submitted to the Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Licensing Justices for consideration at their annual meetings. With the increased volume of catering carried out in such premises, improvements are being called for in kitchen facilities.

Fourteen mobile shops/canteens operate from within the district, carrying on the trades of catering, grocery, greengrocery, and fish. Many other vehicles operate from outside the district, mainly selling ice cream, grocery, greengrocery and fish. A satisfactory standard is maintained.

6.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Details of the samples taken by the County Sampling Officers within the Sevenoaks Rural District during the year ended 31st December, 1971.

	<u>Satis-</u> <u>factory</u>	<u>Unsatis-</u> <u>factory</u>
Milk ... ..	27	5
Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats	8	-
cheese (including processed cheese) ...	16	1
Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes ...	11	-
Sugar, sugar confectionery, flour confectionery, chocolate products, cereals ... ..	9	-
Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials...	5	-
Jams, preserves, honey, jellies... ..	7	-
Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables ... ..	3	-
Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments ... ..	9	3
Drugs, medicines ... ..	9	-
Beer, wines, spirits ... ..	2	-
Ice Cream ... ..	18	4
Miscellaneous... ..	<u>124</u>	<u>13</u>
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UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLESPasteurised Milk

Small amount of extraneous water. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Channel Island Pasteurised Milk (4 samples)

Bottles contained film of denatured milk and mould hyphae. Dairy cautioned.

Tinned Stewed Steak with Gravy

Below required meat content. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Essence of Linseed (2 samples)

Below required strength of Ether and Chloroform. Old stock. No further action.

Dispepsia Tablets

Below required strength of chloroform. Follow-up sample satisfactory.

Fresh Cream (4 samples)

Methylene Blue tests unsatisfactory. Enquiries continuing.



## 7. Poultry Inspection

Number of poultry processing premises within the District	...	...	1
Number of visits to these premises	...	...	268
Total number of birds processed during the year	...	...	2,523,130
Type of birds processed	...	...	Broilers
Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption	...	...	2.4
Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption	...	...	60 tons 5 cwts. - qrs. 14 lbs.

A slight increase occurred in throughput but the amount condemned was 27 tons above last year. This was due in the main to a Fowl Pest outbreak in January/February when one day alone, 3,5000 birds were condemned. Other condemnations were due to chronic respiratory disease (C.R.D) and E.Coli infection (approximately 60%), physical damage, malformation and emaciation. Leucosis and Marek's disease are tending to decrease. In all 60,551 birds were rejected.

Daily visits are made to the plant when the birds which have been discarded by the spotters are examined by the Public Health Inspectors, and the work of the spotters checked for efficiency by observations on the eviscerating line. The group who operate the plant employ their own bacteriologist and swabs are taken from the spin chiller by the Public Health Department for presence of salmonellae. All swabs proved negative in the year.

In addition to improvements to hygiene in the evisceration trough, a new Stork Boxmeer stunning trough and grading rack have been provided. The final washer (80 ppm) and spin chiller (50 ppm) are superchlorinated, and at the year's end consideration was being given to installing an ice making plant to provide ice for the spin chiller, and chlorination either throughout the plant or at specified points on the production line.

I would compliment the operators on the standards achieved in an old building and on their continual co-operation.

Egg packing has now ceased and the buildings previously involved are now utilised for cutting and packing of chicken portions.



## 8. Unsound Food

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	lbs.	ozs.
Meat	10	16	-	21	4
Fish	-	2	1	24	8
Tinned Foods	9	9	1	19	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Other Food	-	12	3	7	13 $\frac{1}{4}$

Condemned meat is dyed and removed by contractors under supervision for conversion to fertilisers etc. Other unsound foods are disposed of at the Council's tips.

Many consignments of food were examined and sizeable quantities condemned in the following cases:-

1558 lbs. Argentine Beef in Cyvac packs - decomposed.

1419 lbs. Argentine Beef in Cyvac packs - decomposed.

1457 lbs. Irish Beef in Swissvac packs - decomposed.

173 x 10 lbs. cans Apricot Pulp - blown, rusted and damaged.

## 9. Food Poisoning

Five cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. The causative organisms were Salmonella Agona (2 cases), Salmonella Typhi-murium (2 cases), and Salmonella Enteritidis (1 case).



